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Melbourne Welcomes Visitors Again

They're here again. Rapid and South China teams will be in Melbourne on Monday to play under the Showgrounds lights in the long-sought-after game between the two teams.

Melbourne welcomes them both again most warmly, and hopes that they have better weather on this visit than they had on the last.

Monday night's game will be the best exhibition of Soccer ever seen in Australia. We have had outstanding teams here before, but have never seen two of them on the field at the same time.

Australian Soccer may have improved or not, according to which critic you favour, but it has not yet reached the standard of the visitors, as is only too painfully shown by the results of the current tours' games. For this reason we are especially pleased to have the opportunity of seeing one world-class team meet another.

It will be a foretaste of the type of game we can expect to see at the Olympic Games next year, and should be an eye-opener to the thousands

of Victorians who have never yet seen a game of our code.

If they can be persuaded to visit the Showgrounds for the game, they could well become supporters of the code, or at least not deriders of it.

A HEAD IN VAIN



In spite of the foot poked out in front in pseudo-ballet style, Alex Glennie, of Footscray, HEADED this ball in the cup match against Wilhelmina at the Showgrounds last Saturday. The back dashing across to intercept is Peet. The interception was not successful, but neither was the headed shot. Keeper van Egmond saved it.

Len Young Says

ARMCHAIR CRITICS (*Destructive Type*) NAUSEATE ME

They do! Not when, let me hasten to add, the criticism is hurled at my own head. After all, any professional coach from necessity quickly learns how to deal with this type of comment. It becomes part of his daily routine.

Back home, for instance, where even youngsters at school talk in terms of tactics, aided by school-teachers' diagrams on the blackboard, the powers that be are almost submerged in an avalanche of criticism, some of which is quite constructive.

You would be amazed at the amount of thought given to this type of comment.

The other type, of course, is greeted with a grin and a shrug of the shoulders.

But here, where so little of the game is really known, the amazing amount of destructive criticism that is hurled from every quarter is nothing short of phenomenal. This is the part that makes me want to retch. IT IS DIRECTED AT THE PLAYERS INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.

These fellows were selected, and in my view fully earned, their places. But what happens? They are condemned before the match, when they run out on to the field, and unless they are fortunate enough to turn on a brilliant performance, again during the match, and when it is all over.

A Word to Remember

When you are fighting against odds, there's a word in the dictionary which, if used, could make a tremendous difference to your morale. I advise those people who have never heard of it to look it up.

It's spelt ENCOURAGEMENT.

I expected a certain amount of criticism directed against the players throughout the international series, and in view of this, my last three articles in the "Soccer News" have been devoted to problems of selection, types of players we should be seeing in the visitors' sides, and a rough idea of the technique of their games.

However, it seems that very few people have bothered to read them and try to grasp the salient fea-

tures. Or, if they did so, their understanding of them must have been nil.

How else can I explain their attitudes?

I repeat: They were Good

For the benefit of those who do not know, or do know but prefer to forget, I'll repeat a statement made in my last article. Rapid is in the world class. Most of their players have been together for years, and their professional earnings, even by Australian standards, are very high. You probably read in the papers that four of them were first choice for a European eleven.

In the "Old Country," even the best of senior amateur sides would be given very little chance against the poorest of professional sides by the people who know.

Win or Be Damned

Here, it seems, an amateur side which does not have the same thought, care and hours given to its match preparation, quite apart from the magnificent facilities they enjoy at "home," is expected to win, or, if not, to make a very close result of the match.

This is the only way I can interpret the statements made after the last match, in which, to my way of thinking, Victoria put up a grand show to hold Rapid to a two-goal margin (and one of these an "in-off" free kick in the last few minutes).

The amazing thing is that the Australian Test team, beaten 4-1, put up a marvellous show, according to our scribes. I quite agree. But what about our own boys? The destructive critics will quickly point out that Rapid had a man

sent off, and for the whole of the second half had to play with 10 men only.

Do you really think that for a team with their superb fitness and class, having to play with a man short would really make such a vast difference?

We Did Well

I mentioned in one of my earlier articles how surprising it is that a team, providing they are fit, does very often have its opponents in difficulties.

Let's get this straight. Our lads often made moves that would not have shamed their opponents. One or two of them forgot the fundamentals of the game they have been taught, but this is not altogether surprising, as until these essentials have been hammered home time and again, until they become part of habitual thinking, old bad habits will, in the excitement of a game, rear their ugly heads.

Believe me, these boys are catching on fast, and together with a fairly constant stream of recommendations joining them each Monday evening, the future looks very bright.

LEONARD YOUNG.

TUNE IN

Don't forget to listen to Soccer's two sessions on the air:

FRIDAYS, 6.00-6.15, at 3KZ

for interviews, news and last-minute information;

SATURDAYS, 7.15-7.35, at 3XY

for news and results of all Saturday's games.

(Red)

LAU KIN CHUNG
(goalkeeper)

LAU CHI BING
(right back)

LAU YEE
(left back)

LEE CHUN FAT
(right half)

KO PO KUNG
(centre half)

TONG SHEUNG
(left half)

HO CHEUNG YAU
(inside right)

YIU CHEUK YIN
(inside left)

SZETO MAN
(outside right)

CHU WING KEUNG
(centre-forward)

MOK CHIUN WAH
(outside left)

* * * *
Referee: HECHT. Linesmen: Hutchison, Nicholson.
* * * *

BERTALAN
(outside left)

DIENTST
(centre-forward)

R. KOERNER
(outside right)

A. KOERNER
(inside left)

MEHSAROSCH
(inside right)

GIESSER
(left half)

KAFKA
(centre half)

HANAPPI
(right half)

HOENIG
(left back)

HALLA
(right back)

ZEMAN
(goalkeeper)

(Green)

RAPID (Vienna)

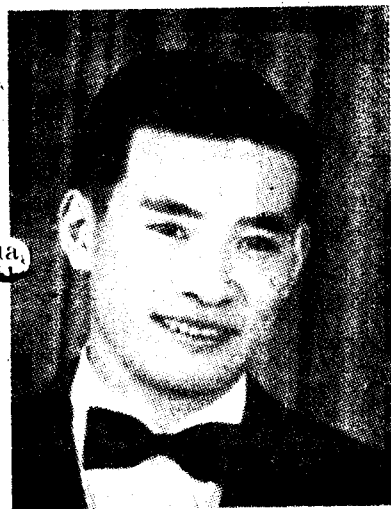
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PAUL HALL

Red Cross Says "Thank You"

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the City of Camberwell Branch of the Australian Red Cross Society, many members expressed very keen appreciation of the help given by the six Soccer clubs who took part in the highly - entertaining Soccer games played on the Camberwell oval in support of the March appeal for Red Cross funds.

Accordingly, I desire to extend, through you, the very sincere thanks of this branch to the clubs concerned, as well as to the officials, who gladly co-operated in making the day a great success in every way.

The generous support of Soccer fans who contributed to the very satisfactory financial result of the day's fine display is also appreciated.

—F. N. LE LEU,
President,
Camberwell Red Cross
Society.

Boos, Jeers Were Unfair

Dear Sir,

I wish to voice my disgust at the treatment meted out to our Victorian team by the crowd at the game against the Austrians. It is appalling that anyone can be so unfair as to boo and jeer at a team that never gives up trying, however badly they are being beaten.

One can understand the Austrians in this country supporting their home team, but the majority of the crowd were not Austrians. When I voiced my disapproval at the display, I was told it was the selectors they were annoyed about.

To me that is no excuse at all. The team members were not responsible for being chosen, and because they were chosen, they deserved the support of the public—but they did not get it.

My opinion is, after attending the game regularly for years, that these supposedly Australians are anti-Australian, and are definitely not sportsmen.

—LENA DRUMMOND.

Len is Right, Writer Wrong

Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty to enlighten the Soccer public who read the item in one of last week's daily papers that Len Young's English style of coaching was out-dated.

It is evident that the writer of this item has either been misinformed, or formed his own conclusions on poor foundations.

I have had the pleasure of being a member of the State squad under Mr. Young, and I am sure that the Austrian display cannot be bettered as an exhibition of the type of game Mr. Young has been drilling into us.

The fact that the Austrians are experts cannot be laid at Mr. Young's door. Or perhaps this writer is trying to fool the public into believing that a team like Rapid can be formed overnight.

—B. FAIR.

Dons Win First Cup Game

The Dons were successful in the first round of the Miller Cup, beating Wanderers. But the tenacity of the losing team was worthy of every praise and made the game an interesting one.

All three goals for Essendon came from intelligent play by John Dugdale.

The under-15 team were eliminated by Preston in the Liston Cup, and once again demonstrated that it was lack of proper organisation that led to defeat.

In spite of appeals we have not been able to get one offer for help in the running of the club. There are dozens of boys around the districts that could be drawn into the game with adequate help, and after all, it is the youngster that is wanted to help in improving the game.

Skolnik Cup Next Junior Interest

Now the games against Yallourn are over, we still have one more item of interest in Junior Soccer. That is the visit of the South Australian under-20 during the third week in August.

They arrive on August 20, and stay a week. The main game of this tour, of course, is the annual game for the Skolnik Cup. This will take place on Saturday, 27th August, at the Showgrounds.

The game will be the curtain-raiser to the Juventus—Moreland first division game. Juventus has kindly granted the junior association permission to stage this game. So, if you want to see a really good game, make August 27 a date.

We thank the Juventus Club for granting us their ground and facilities. Enclosed grounds are very hard to get here in Victoria.

Mostly Australians

An interesting fact that arose from the Yallourn games was that in the under-14 team which represented Melbourne and district seven of the 11 were Australian. We realise that the immigrant boys make for Soccer naturally, but it is heartening to see the number of Australian boys now in the game. Without them the game will surely lose its power. There are quite a few under-14 teams now fielding, practically all Australian boys.

Can any team beat this? Roger Pertzell, Fairfield's centre-forward, comes down from Warragul every Friday night to play, and returns Saturday night. He has scored in every match this year, whether the team has lost or won.

All delegates are reminded that the next meeting of the junior association is on Wednesday, August 24, at 7.30, at Scotts Hotel.

—DENIS CHAMBERS.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	14	11	1	2	38	12	23
POLONIA	14	10	3	1	39	20	23
BRIGHTON	14	8	2	4	34	27	18
HAKOAH	14	6	2	6	40	29	14
MORELAND	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
BOX HILL	14	6	1	7	18	36	13
J.U.S.T.	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
FOOTSCRAY CITY	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
GEORGE CROSS	14	3	2	9	25	41	8
YALLOURN	14	2	2	10	21	34	6

METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	10	1	—	40	9	21
Coburg	11	6	4	1	42	13	16
Fairfield	11	7	1	3	26	7	15
University	12	7	1	4	24	21	15
Bayswater	11	5	—	6	40	29	10
U.Y.D.	11	5	—	5	19	31	10
Heidelberg	12	2	1	9	18	52	5
I.C.I.	12	1	2	9	18	50	4

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	8	—	2	39	15	16
Brunswick	8	2	—	1	31	13	14
Yarra Park	9	5	1	3	20	19	11
Port Melb.	10	5	—	5	22	18	10
St. Albans	10	5	—	5	19	22	10
Rosebud	10	4	1	5	21	37	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	14	14	0	0	71	23	28
Prahran	14	11	1	2	62	22	23
Sth. Melb. U.	14	8	1	5	51	31	17
Vic. Colts	14	7	1	6	37	39	15
Sunshine C.	14	6	2	6	21	34	14
Maccabi	14	4	3	7	29	46	11
Preston	14	4	1	9	26	48	9
Geelong	14	3	2	9	18	32	8
Park Rangers	14	3	2	9	30	55	8
South Yarra	14	2	3	9	22	37	7

THIRD INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	14	11	1	2	62	20	23
Coburg	14	10	1	3	35	27	21
Sandringham C.	13	9	2	2	39	12	20
Williamstown	13	7	2	4	40	13	16
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	43	12	15
Sunshine United	13	6	1	6	27	38	13
Wilhelmina	12	3	1	8	33	20	7
Moorabbin C.	14	2	1	11	22	58	5
Heidelberg	13	2	1	10	13	52	5

LATROBE VALLEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	14	12	2	0	71	9	26
Moe Utd.	14	10	3	1	46	9	23
Tigars	14	6	5	3	38	30	17
Yallourn A.	14	6	2	6	38	44	14
Sale Utd.	14	4	3	7	24	42	11
Lurgi Ran.	14	4	1	9	23	41	9
Morwell Ran.	14	2	2	10	19	37	6
Red Triangle	14	2	2	10	18	65	6

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	14	14	0	0	93	10	28
Hellenic	14	12	1	1	73	15	25
Sandringham C.	14	8	3	3	41	22	19
Ydenong Rov.	14	8	1	5	44	44	17
Shine Utd.	14	7	1	6	41	38	15
Diamond	14	6	1	7	37	35	13
Williamstown	14	5	2	7	31	37	12
Frankston	14	2	1	11	15	54	5
Moorabbin C.	14	2	0	12	22	78	4
F.N.D.	14	1	0	13	18	82	2

FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	12	0	2	49	10	24
Polonia	14	10	1	3	41	31	19
Brighton	14	8	2	4	40	22	18
Footscray City	14	7	2	5	32	31	16
Hakoah	18	5	4	4	25	19	14
Moreland	14	5	2	7	27	44	12
Box Hill	13	5	1	7	26	31	11
J.U.S.T.	13	3	1	8	23	30	7
Yallourn	13	2	3	8	12	29	7
George Cross	14	3	1	10	13	42	7

SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	14	11	2	1	49	13	24
South Melb.	14	9	1	4	57	29	19
South Yarra	14	9	0	5	52	17	18
Slavia	14	8	1	5	44	34	17
Geelong	14	7	0	7	26	22	14
Prahran	14	6	0	7	37	51	13
Wilhelmina	14	6	0	8	25	32	12
Preston	14	4	0	10	21	38	8
Maccabi	14	4	0	10	20	41	8
Park Rangers	14	2	1	11	25	62	5

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